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Dear Dr. Plowright:

I'm doing some reporting on a new Senate report on the origin of Covid. It casts doubt on a natural spillover event in part by asserting that its epidemiology does not match that of earlier spillovers. They cite your 2017 review to back this claim. (See p.5, etc.)

I was wondering if you agree with their assertions. I would also welcome any other comments you might have on this report.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,

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